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Chapter 22

PLEASE ANSWER MY QUES-TION
WHY DO YOU ASK...
...
NOT ONLY IS SHE MY MASTER, BUT SHE'S ALSO LIKE A MOTHER TO ME
SO YES, I DO LOVE HER
.....
I TOO LOST MY PARENTS WHEN I WAS STILL A CHILD
I SEE
SO SYPHER AND THE OTHERS ARE LIKE FATHERS— OR WELL, GRAND-FATHERS TO ME

AND I LOVE THEM
THEY'RE PRECIOUS TO ME...
IT'S THE VILLAGE!!
THEN I CAN'T IGNORE IT!!
BLADE MOST
AND IF THEIR LIVES ARE IN DANGER,...
I LOVE THEM SO...
I HAVE TO DO IT...
NOT ONLY FOR THE WORLD
BUT ALSO FOR ALL THE PEOPLE I LOVE THAT LIVE IN IT... FOR MYSELF AS WELL.
I HAVE TO DO IT!!
SO MUCH

..I'M MOTI-VATED NOW
ALL RIGHT
I JUST HOPE I CAN REALLY GET AS STRONG AS SYPHER SAID....
T-TELL ME YOUR HONEST OPINION, MISS CHATE-LAINE
DO YOU THINK I HAVE WHAT IT TAKES?
I HAVE TO FIGHT!!

IF THEY REALLY ARE THAT PRECIOUS TO YOU, WHY DON'T YOU TRY BELIEVING THEM?
AND WHY DON T YOU TRY BELIEVING MORE IN YOUR OWN POWER TOO WHILE YOU RE AT IT?
I GUESS YOU'RE RIGHT
YOU KNOW WHAT?
WHAT?
THIS MAY SOUND ODD COMING FROM SOMEONE WHO COULDN'T MAKE UP HIS MIND UNTIL ONLY A FEW MINUTES AGO
BUT NOW I KNOW YOU WERE RIGHT

FEELING NEEDED BY SOMEONE YOU LOVE...
DOES MAKE YOU REALLY HAPPY ...
I'M FIRED UP NOW! LET'S GO TRAIN!!
OKAY, OKAY, OKAY!!
YES
SFX: BOING BOING

OH RIGHT...
SHOULDN'T YOU TALK TO MASTER SYPHER AND THE OTHERS FIRST?
BUT BEFORE THAT
IS SOMETHING WRONG...?
HMM...
PFF
I-I'M SORRY
HEY! PLEASE DON'T LAUGH!
WELL, IT'S KIND OF EMBARRASSING TO GO MEET THE PEOPLE I JUST SAID I LOVE AND ARE PRECIOUS TO ME AND SO ON...
I GUESS I SHOULD GO TALK TO THEM. HUH...

I'LL BE OFF THEN!
THANK YOU FOR LISTENING TO ME!
?
MISS CHATELAINE
YOU'RE WELCOME
.....
I'VE CHANGED MY MIND, SYPHER. I'LL DO IT

ARE YOU PREPARED FOR IT?
YOU'LL HAVE TO SHOULDER A WHOLE LOT OF RESPONSIBILITY
I'M PREPARED TO FIGHT
YEAH!!
MAKE ME STRONG!!
SO PLEASE

ALL RIGHT!!
BAKI . . .
THANK YOU
SURE THING

EH!?
AND HE TOLD ME ALL KIND'S OF STUFF YOU GUYS DIDN'T TELL ME!
OH, BY THE WAY, I TALKED TO YOUR MASTER RUDOLPH A WHILE AGO
SFX: POKE OUT
!!?
I WON'T LET YOU TAKE MY PLACE, SYPHER, NILAM
YOU GUYS WOULD VANISH AND I DON'T WANT THAT
?
N-NO
SFX: SWISH
HMP SOMETHING ON MY FACE?
I LEFT BAK! THIS THOUGHT MESSAGE, HOPE YOU GET IT. I WON'T BE ABLE TO VISIT YOU FOR SOME TIME, BUT KEEP IN MIND THAT WE NEED TO TALK... MY TWO CLUMSY DISCIPLES
URK H-HEY WE DID HAVE A PLAN OF SORTS
SHAME ON YOU!!!
LOOK WHAT YOU'VE DONE... OUR MASTER HAD TO TAKE THE MATTER IN HIS OWN HANDS BECAUSE YOU TWO FAILED

HOW COME NO ONE KNOWS ABOUT IT?
THE BATTLE AT CALVERONA WAS A HUGE ALL-OUT WAR WITH FAIRIES AND DRAGONS AND STUFF RIGHT?
THEN, ABOUT THAT TOWN CALLED CALVERONA—
THAT STORY SEEMED EPIC ENOUGH TO BE THE STUFF OF COUNTLESS LEGENDS AND STORIES BY NOW—
BUT HOW COME I'VE NEVER HEARD ANYONE EVER TALK ABOUT A MONSTER SO BIG IT TOUCHES THE SKY SHOWING UP ON EARTH THEN? WHEN I STUDIED IN ALCAPA, BUT BJORN NEVER CAME UP AT ALL.
FIRST OF ALL, BJORN, YOU SAID IT APPEARED A HUNDRED YEARS AGO BUT THERE USED TO BE HUMANS THEN TOO, RIGHT?
OH YEAH! I HAVE A FEW THINGS I WANT TO ASK YOU FIRST
ASK AWAY
I CAN'T EXPECT ANY HELP...?
LAST BUT NOT LEAST, DO I REALLY HAVE TO DO IT ALL BY MY-SELF?
...!
ALL RIGHT THEN...
HMM WELL, I DID PROMISE I'D ANSWER ALL YOUR QUESTIONS
DOES IT HAVE SOMETHING TO DO WITH THE "SANDS OF TIME" SPELL?
ALSO, WHY ARE YOU GUYS IN TOTALLY DIFFERENT PLACES?
I FEEL LIKE IT'D BE MORE CONVENIENT IF YOU TWO WERE IN THE SAME PLACE

AS FOR CALVERONA, THE CITY HAS SUNKEN INTO A LAKE, BUT IT STILL EXISTS ON THE GROUND OF THE LAKE. NO ONE KNOWS IT DOES DUE TO THE SEAL THOUGH
BUT WE DON'T KNOW IF THE MEMORY SEAL HAS ANY EFFECT ON DEMONS THAT WERE OUTSIDE OF IT'S IMPACT RADIUS
THAT'S WHY RUDOLPH'S DESCENDANTS AND US, HIS DISCIPLES, ARE THE ONLY PEOPLE WHO KNOW OF IT
IN CASE YOU WONDER WHY, IT WAS DONE TO PROTECT THE JAR BJORN WAS SEALED AWAY IN, OR OTHERWISE SOMEONE MIGHT HAVE TRIED TO FREE BJORN
NO ONE REMEMBERS THE BATTLE BECAUSE ALL MEMORY OF IT WAS SEALED AWAY ALONG WITH BJORN BACK THEN
THE REAL REASON WE ARE IN DIFFERENT PLACES IS
TO SEAL THE JAR BJORN IS SEALED AWAY IN
WE DON'T GET ALONE
IS WHAT YOU MIGHT THINK BUT NO
!?
YOUR NEXT QUESTION WAS WHY WE ARE IN DIFFERENT PLACES
1 SANTA ROSA
2 ORACLEBERRY
3 PORT SELM
4 RURAPHIN
5 SALARONA
6 BEATRIN' VILLAGE (ON THE CHIZOD MOUNTAIN RANGE)
7 THE JAR
I GAVE YOU AN OLD MAP WHEN YOU SET OUT ON YOUR TRIP. REMEMBER? THAT MAP WAS DRAWN WITH THE JAR AT THE CENTER YOU CAN CHECK IT LATER
THE JAR
WE SET UP POSTS AROUND THE LOCATION OF THE JAR IN ORDER TO GUARD IT

YOU'VE ALREADY MET ALL GUARDIANS ON YOUR JOURNEY SO FAR
WAIT, SO THE FIVE DISCIPLES ARE...
LET'S SEE...
IN SANTA ROSA THERE IS...
YOU SYPHER
IN ORACLE-BERRY THERE IS...
YOU NILAM
IN PORT SELMI IS...
NITAK
IN SALABONA IS...
A TOWER NEAR THE TOWN THAT FUNCTIONS AS A SEAL POST
MASTER RUDOLPH BUILT IT HIMSELF
AND IN CHIZOD IS...
MISS BEATRIX HUH
WHAT ABOUT RURAPHIN...?
WAS THERE SOMEONE...?

W-WAS IT SOME GUY CALLED BENNETT?
I'LL ADD A FULL MOON HERB!!
RURAPHIN, WAIT A SECOND NO WAY
WELL, HE DID TEACH ME A GREAT SPELL, BUT HE MADE ME WORK SO HARD FOR IT
NEVER MIND HE WAS A LITTLE WEIRD IS ALL
YEAH... WHAT ABOUT HIM?
EVEN IF THERE IS NO RECOLLECTION OR RECORD OF WHAT HAPPENED BACK THEN LEFT, THE SEAL COULD STILL BE BROKEN BY SOMEONE OR SOMETHING... THAT'S WHY WE PUT A SEAL ON THE SEAL.
DO YOU UNDERSTAND?
WE MADE IT SO THAT THE JAR CAN'T BE TOUCHED BY ANYONE BUT THE SUPERVISOR OF THE JAR, AND CAN'T BE MOVED AT ALL, NOT EVEN BY THE SUPERVISOR
Y-YEAH
A SMALL ISLAND NORTH OF SALABONA
ACCORDING TO THE MAP, THE JAR IS SOMEWHERE NORTH OF SALABONA... SO
IT MUST HAVE BEEN ON THAT EERIE ISLAND I VISITED ON REQUEST OF MR. LILIMAN... HUH?

YES LIKE I TOLD YOU BEFORE OUR MASTER ENTRUSTED US WITH THE TASK TO FIND A WAY TO DEFEAT BUORN FOR GOOD
INNER-ITED ?
ALONG WITH EVERYONE ELSE WHO INHERITED THE SAME MISSION AS YOU
ONTO THE NEXT QUESTION DON'T WORRY BAKI YOU WON'T BE FIGHTING ALONE
BUT ALL THAT RESEARCH ENDED UP COSTING US A LOT OF TIME
IN ORDER TO DO THAT, EACH ONE OF US MAXED OUT ALL OUR STATS AND DEVELOPED ANTI-BUORN SKILLS AND SPELLS
BRANVA-NIA WILL SUPPORT YOU
YOU WILL BE THE ONE TO DESTROY THE TOWER BUT YOU WILL OBVIOUSLY NEED HELP GETTING THERE
WE STARTED TO RAISE AND TRAIN CHILDREN WE COULD PASS OUR ABILITIES ON TO
SINCE WE HAD ALREADY MADE USE OF THE SANDS OF TIME SPELL,
YO! STAYED OUT ALL NIGHT END
SFX: BRUSH
WHY ARE YOU DRESS-ED LIKE THAT?
CHATE-LAINE WHO BROUGHT YOU TO THIS VILLAGE AND EVERYONE ELSE IN THIS VILLAGE ARE ALL BEATRIX' DISCIPLES
YEAH, I... THINK SO
YOU PROBABLY KNOW WHO IS WHOSE DISCIPLE BY NOW, DON'T YOU?

SFX: URASHI
WELL THEN, LET'S GET CRACKING!!
WHAT? GOT A PROBLEM WITH IT?
EH!?
NO
OKAY!! LET'S GO EXPLORE!! CAVES! MONSTERS! TREASURES! WE'RE COMING FOR Y'ALL!!
ALRIGHT MAKE SURE TO PROCURE THE SHIP AS SOON AS YOU RE DONE WITH THE JOB SO WE CAN GO HOME
EXSER CROW AND HIS PIRATE CREW WHO BROUGHT YOU HERE TO THIS CONTINENT ARE DISCIPLES OF NITAK
BAKI! THAT'S YOU!!
FINALLY THERE'S NILAM S AND MY DISCIPLE
RIGEL BENNETT DOESN'T HAVE A DISCIPLE YET I'M SURE HE HAS HIS REASONS
YOU'RE ONE TO TALK, FORMER NEET!!
DO YOUR DAMN JOB!!
YOU TWO TOGETHER ONLY ONE DISCIPLE!? WHAT IN THE HELL WERE YOU DOING IN ALL THOSE YEARS!?
SIGH
JUST ME?
YEAH, JUST YOU
HMP
!

YOU DIDN'T FEEL ANYTHING WHEN YOU HAD IT WITH YOU?
OH RIGHT FORGOT ABOUT THAT!!
NOW, ABOUT THIS STONE!
NO...
NOT REALLY
IT'S A MAGIC STONE OUR MASTER CREATED WITH ALCHEMY BY COMPRESSING A NUMBER OF THOSE ORES TOGETHER!
NOT QUITE
IT'S THE ORE THAT IS USED TO MAKE ITEMS THAT
WHY WOULD YOU GIVE ME A CRAZY STONE LIKE THAT
!!?
IT'S SO CHOCK FULL OF MAGICAL POWER THAT YOU COULD PRACTICALLY PRODUCE AN UNLIMITED NUMBER OF SAID ITEMS FROM IT
RESTORE HEALTH OR MAGIC POINTS LIKE THE PRAYER RING THE SORCERER'S STONE THE GODDESS RING AND SO ON

IT'S A SHAME WE CAN'T PUT SUCH A POWERFUL ITEM TO USE, REALLY
NEITHER OF US HAVE BEEN ABLE TO EXTRACT ANY MAGICAL POWER OUT OF IT
MASTER RUDOLPH LEFT US THE STONE HOPING WE COULD USE IT BUT...
WHY DID YOU GIVE THIS MAN THE MAGIC STONE IN THE FIRST PLACE?
SYPHER, CARE TO EXPLAIN?
AH
HERE YOU GO
THERE WOULD BE SOME SORT OF DIVINE GUIDANCE OR SOMETHING
I WAS HOPING, IF I GIVE HIM THE STONE,
BAKI WAS SOMEONE I HADN'T MET BEFORE IN MY LIFE. HE KEPT SURPASSING MY EXPECTATIONS OVER AND OVER AGAIN...
WELL, I FIGURED INSTEAD OF LEAVING IT TO COLLECT DUST IN MY CARE..
IT'D BE WISER TO GIVE IT TO BAKI AND SEE IF IT REACTS TO ANYONE
OH, SHUT UP!!
AND HERE I THOUGHT YOU HAD LOST YOUR MARBLES

?
AND THEN
SOME-THING AMAZING HAPPEN-ED
I MADE SURE THAT I ALWAYS KNEW WHERE HE IS AND WHAT HE IS DOING
I TOLD BAK! IT'S A CHARM WHEN I GAVE IT TO HIM
THE STONE ACTUALLY REACTED TO HIM
YOU SAID YOU DIDN'T FEEL ANY-THING, BAK!
BUT THAT STONE HAS ALREADY LENT YOU IT'S POWER TWICE
HUH?
IT DID!?

...!?
I GUESS THAT DID HAPPEN ONCE...
OH YEAH, COME TO THINK OF IT...
DO YOU REMEMBER THAT ONE TIME IN ALCAPA WHEN...
YOU MANAGED TO CAST SALE EVEN THOUGH YOU WERE OUT OF MP?
SALE!!
THAT WAS
(MINE)
AFTER YOU MET NILAM... THERE WAS A REACTION ON YOUR WAY BACK TO SALABONA
THE NEXT TIME WAS...
EVEN THOUGH I TRAINED YOU HARD WHEN YOU RETURNED TO SANTA ROSA IN ORDER TO TRIGGER IT, IT DIDN'T WORK
BUT IT WAS ONLY A MOMENTARY THING...
YOU'VE MANAGED TO DO WHAT NO ONE ELSE COULD SO FAR, AND UNCONSCIOUSLY AT THAT
IT WASN'T MUCH, BUT YOU WERE ABLE TO DRAW POWER FROM IT
HUH?
OH YEAH... WHEN I USED RETURN TWICE IN ONE DAY, HUH?
.....

THE POWER OF THE MAGIC STONE,
COMBINED WITH
LIKE WE ALREADY TOLD YOU LAST TIME, WITH YOUR BATTLE AURA AND YOUR MONSTER SKILLS,
YOU CAN WIN THE WAR IN GRANVANIA
AND THE BATTLE AGAINST BJORN!!

!!?
WR-WHAT'S GOING ON?
WE CAN'T USE THESE SO-CALLED TRAVEL DOORS FOR TELEPORTATION BUT WE CAN USE THEM TO CONNECT US LIKE HERE IN THE SAME ROOM
WE'LL START TRAINING YOU HERE IN THIS ROOM NOW
FROM TODAY ON NILAN AND I WILL HELP YOU TRAIN YOUR BATTLE AURA AND MONSTER SKILLS
YOU STILL HAVE TO PERFECT YOUR SKILLS
KEEP IN MIND THOUGH WHEN WE SAY YOU CAN WIN
ALL WE MEAN IS THAT YOU MEET THE MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS
BEATRIX WILL TEACH YOU HOW THE MAGIC STONE WAS MADE AND HOW YOU CAN DRAW MAGICAL POWER FROM IT WHENEVER YOU WANT
AND OUTSIDE YOU WILL CONTINUE THE MAGIC SWORD TRAINING JUST AS BEFORE

FROM TODAY ON, YOU WON'T GET ANY POINTS FOR EFFORT ANYMORE
ONLY RESULTS WILL MATTER
SFX WHIP
BAKI!!
DO YOU UNDER-STAND?
YEAH!!

!!
WHAT? DID YOU MAKE A MISTAKE AGAIN, SLAN HONEY?
OW OW OW!
AHH!
SFX KER-CHAK
HEY!!
ARE YOU OKAY !?
SHE'S NOT BLEED-ING!?
WHOOPS, I CUT MYSELF

HEAL
HEHE HE
GUESS I MESSED UP AGAIN
?
HUH— WHAT'S WRONG?
MISS MAREETA?
SFX: GUN
SLAN, HONEY, ARE...
YOU... HUMAN?
JUST NOW YOU CUT YOURSELF. DIDN'T YOU?
YEAH
WHY...
WHY WEREN'T YOU BLEEDING?

Appendix:

Characters in chapter 22:

Baki

Slan

Chatelaine

Beatrix

Nilam

Sypher

Mareeta

Rabert Rudalph

Spells in chapter 22:

- Heal

Lacatians in chapter 22:

- Chizad (Battenburg)
- Granvania (Gotha)